

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2004-78-C - ORDER NO. 2004-273
MAY 26, 2004

IN RE: Petition of US LEC of South Carolina, Inc.)	ORDER AMENDING
for Arbitration of an Amendment to an)	ARBITRATION PLAN
Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth)	AND SCHEDULE
Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to Section)	
252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of)	
1934, as Amended.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on a Motion for Two-Day Extension of Arbitration Plan and Schedule filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (“BellSouth”), on March 16, 2004. In its Motion, BellSouth states that it has diligently worked on its direct testimony and respectfully request two additional days to prepare and file this testimony. BellSouth also requests that all remaining deadlines, as well as the hearing date, be extended by two days. BellSouth states that it has conferred with US LEC of South Carolina, Inc. (US LEC), that US LEC does not oppose this request, and that US LEC will not be prejudiced because BellSouth’s request includes a two-day extension of all remaining deadlines in the Commission’s April 15, 2004, Order Establishing Arbitration Plan and Schedule. BellSouth further states that granting BellSouth’s request will not prejudice the Commission or its Staff because the request includes a two-day extension of the hearing date.

After carefully considering BellSouth's Motion, the Commission finds that it should be granted. Accordingly, the deadlines and hearing dates set forth in the Commission's April 15, 2004, Order Establishing Arbitration Plan and Schedule are amended as follows:

The Arbitration Hearing in this Docket shall begin at **11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 20, 2004**, in the Commission Hearing Room.

The Commission hereby orders that twenty-five (25) copies of the direct testimony and exhibits of US LEC shall be prefiled on or before **April 22, 2004**. Further, twenty-five (25) copies of the direct testimony and exhibits of BellSouth shall be prefiled on or before **May 6, 2004**.

US LEC shall prefile any rebuttal testimony and exhibits on or before **May 13, 2004**. Further, BellSouth shall prefile any surrebuttal testimony and exhibits on or before **May 17, 2004**. It should be noted that acceptance of surrebuttal testimony and exhibits is subject to the discretion of the Commission.

The Parties shall file prehearing briefs with the Commission on or before **May 13, 2004**.

To the extent that it is not amended herein, the Commission's April 15, 2004, Order Establishing Arbitration Plan and Schedule remains in full force and effect.

/s/

Bruce F. Duke, Executive Director